



City Manager's Report

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Message from the City Manager

Dear Bainbridge Island Residents,

Happy new year! 2016 promises to be a very productive year for the City of Bainbridge Island. I want to take this opportunity to share with you a few of the many projects on deck for the City in 2016:



- **Complete the Comprehensive Plan Update:** This year we will wrap up the two year process that has been the comprehensive plan update. If you haven't had an opportunity to be involved, there is still time. The schedule of remaining elements to be covered can be viewed on the [Navigate Bainbridge](#) page of the City website.
- **Wyatt Way Reconstruction (from Madison to Lovell):** This project will include capacity improvements to the intersection of Madison and Wyatt, and complete sidewalk and bicycle facilities on both sides of the street from Madison to Lovell. We will also be reconstructing the roadway's surfacing and drainage.

- **Wing Point Way Non-Motorized Improvements (from Ferncliff to Park):** This is one of the most long-awaited capital projects in the City and, after years of planning, it is finally happening! Public Works will be reconstructing roadway surfacing and drainage while providing a sidewalk on the downhill side and shoulders on the uphill side. Water and sewer utility repairs will also be made.
- **Waterfront Park:** Phase I improvements to the City's Waterfront Park are scheduled to begin this year. Unfortunately, this will significantly impact summer use of the park, but the improvements will provide lasting benefits for decades to come.
- **SR 305- Olympic Drive Non-Motorized Improvements (from Harbor Drive to Winslow Way):** This project will provide improvements for pedestrians and cyclists along heavily trafficked roadway from ferry dock through the intersection of Winslow Way and Highway 305/Olympic Drive.

This is just a sample of the many projects the City of Bainbridge Island has planned for 2016. This year we will also be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of island-wide incorporation. We hope to see you at one of our many public meetings and events throughout the year.

Best,

Doug Schulze
City Manager, Bainbridge Island

Executive Update

City Council Adopts New City Logo

At their January 5 meeting, the City Council voted to adopt a new logo for the City of Bainbridge Island. Over the coming months we will gradually phase in the new logo. For many items such as business cards, vehicles, uniforms, etc., we will be phasing in the new logo during the natural replacement or upgrade of those items.

Thank you to all of those that provided feedback over the last several months.



Planning and Community Development Update

City Hires Joseph W. Tovar as Interim Planning Director

The City will hire Joseph W. Tovar, FAICP for consulting services on an interim basis to perform the duties of the Director of Planning and Community Development during the time period generally between mid-January and mid-March of 2016. Mr. Tovar brings forty years of experience, serving as the planning director for the cities of Shoreline (2005 to 2012), Covington (2004 to 2005) and Kirkland (1982 to 1992). He also served for 12 years (1992 to 2004) as a member of the Growth Management Hearings Board, a state appeals body which decides on allegations of city and county noncompliance with the Growth Management Act.



Additionally, Mr. Tovar has played an important role as a consultant throughout the City's Comprehensive Plan Update process Navigate Bainbridge.

Upcoming Events

- As part of a three part series exploring the state of our groundwater, the City invites you to attend part two of our **Community Conversation about Water** on **Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers.
- The first quarterly meeting of the **Public Safety Committee** will be held on **Thursday, January 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Conference Room. The agenda for the meeting includes a discussion of the vision of the committee and setting a schedule for regular public meetings. The meeting is open to the public.

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